

[Translation]

Action Plan to Increase Area under Irrigation

*221. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up any action plan to increase the area under irrigation in the country during this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). The target set for creation of irrigation potential during 1991-92 is 29,98,730 hectares, out of which 6,44,000 hectares will be created through major and medium projects and 23,54,730 hectares by minor irrigation schemes. A number of on-going irrigation projects is under implementation to achieve this target.

[Translation]

Modernisation of Kamla Canal

2288. SHRI BHOGEN DRA JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1318 on August, 1, 1991 and state:

(a) the reasons for returning the Kamla Canal Modernisation Project to the Government of Bihar in 1986;

(b) whether two canals of 500 cusec capacity each have been constructed by the Government of Nepal from Kamla river in Godar-Bandipur near Mahendra Raj Marg in Nepal with the assistance of World Bank as

a result of which no water is left in the Kamla Canal project in India during drought period; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Kamla Canal Modernisation Report was returned because it did not include analysis of actual performance *vis-a-vis* approved parameters, deficiencies of existing system and remedial measures therefor, comparison of existing and proposed irrigation planning, justification for increasing command or intensity of irrigation, possibility of conjunctive use of surface and ground waters and data on post project soil survey and contour maps of command area on prescribed scale.

(b) and (c). The Government of Nepal has constructed a weir on river Kamla with two canal systems for irrigation in Nepal up stream of Mahendra Raj Marg. This has adversely affected old irrigation system developed in Bihar. The Government of India stressed the necessity of construction of a storage reservoir on river Kamla at Chisapani to augment fair weather flows to the mutual benefit of Nepal and India in the last Indo-Nepal Sub-commission Meeting held in April, 1991.

[English]

Supply of Steel by Public Sector Steel Plants

*2289. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and the value of steel condemned as scrap and the percentage of the condemned steel to the total production during the last three years, year-wise;